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Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representative Kafka of Stoughton, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silence in remembrance of Walter B. "Joe" Roach, Jr., of Sharon. A lifelong resident and selectman in Sharon for over twenty years, Joe volunteered as a call firefighter for the town before spending the majority of his career working for the Sharon Public Schools. He served on countless committees in service to his hometown, including the 4th of July Committee, the Family Week Committee, the Capital Outlay Committee, and the Sharon 250th Anniversary Committee.

Walter
Roach.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Lynne, to whom he was married for over sixty years; four children, ten grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato), declared a brief recess and introduced students from Taiwan and the Republic of China, some of whom are students from Taiwan Normal University, where Representative Wong attended in the 1970's. They were the guests of Representative Wong.

Taiwan and
the Republic
of China,—
students.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Biele of Boston) commending William E. McGonagle on the occasion of his retirement as administrator for the Boston Housing Authority;

William
McGonagle.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Naughton of Clinton) commending officer Ronald Knoll on the occasion of his retirement from the Lancaster Police Department; and

Ronald
Knoll.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton) congratulating Anne Kula on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Anne
Kula.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the

committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 37O of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting an annual report on school bullying data (school years 2014-2015 through 2017-2018) [copies of said report were forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the committees on Education and Judiciary, as required by said law], was placed on file.

Schools,—
bullying.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

An annual report of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 265 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012) certifying and outlining how the health benefit plans under the office of Medicaid, and their contractors, comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; and

Mental
health
parity.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through June 2019; Severally were placed on file.

Unemployment
Trust Fund.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rosa Santos, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Rosa
Santos,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3939) [Local Approval Received]; and

Milford,—
liquor
license.

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3940) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey an easement in certain land

Peabody,—
land.

in the city of Peabody (House, No. 2788, changed in section 1, in line 1, and in section 5, in line 55, by striking out the figures: “38” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the figures: “37”).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Needham now under the care and control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (House, No. 3690).

Needham,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2695, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant an easement in the town of Princeton (House, No. 3990).

Princeton,—
land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, No. 1859 and House, No. 525, a Bill relative to educational collaboratives [sic] (House, No. 525).

Educational
collaboratives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2666).

Rare
disease day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 2669).

Shelter
dogs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing “Here’s to America” as the official patriotic song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2702).

Official
patriotic song.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Dysautonomia & POTS awareness month (House, No. 2709).

Dysautonomia
and POTS.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Fort Devens Museum (House, No. 2712).

Fort Devens
Museum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating inflammatory breast cancer awareness day (House, No. 2736).

Breast
cancer day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the song “Roadrunner” as the official rock song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2739) [Senator Finegold dissenting].

Official
rock song.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating domestic workers’ rights day (House, No. 2750).

Domestic
workers’.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the official seasoning of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2753).

Bell’s
seasoning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve relative to the commemoration of Governor James and General John Sullivan (House, No. 2762).

James
Sullivan,
etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the Boston cream pie cupcake as the official cupcake of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2767).

Official
cupcake.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the song “14 Counties of Massachusetts” as the official county song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2789).

County
song.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1868 and House, No. 2797, a Bill relative to recognition of the “Honor and Remember” flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2797).

Honor and
Remember
flag.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ryan Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2218), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Ryan
Russell,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Avon to serve as special police officers (House, No. 3823); and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Crossen [sic] Jr., an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3975) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to amending chapter 413 of the Acts of 1991 authorizing the city council of the city of Cambridge to amend chapter 14.04 of the Cambridge municipal code entitled “Fair Housing” [sic] (House, No. 1775), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3998), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.